

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1115

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, petition of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others relative to issuing high school diplomas to certain disabled children. Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

Alice Hanlon Peisch	Susan C. Fargo
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT GUARANTEEING A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA TO SOME CHILDREN  
ACCEPTED INTO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Section 1D of Chapter 69, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
2 by adding the following at the end of subsection "(i)":—  
3 No "school age child with a disability", as defined in Chapter  
4 71B of the General Laws, may be denied a competency determi-  
5 nation on the basis of his performance on the Massachusetts  
6 Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests, on any such  
7 alternative assessment, or on any appeal of such MCAS test or  
8 alternative assessment, if he has met all the following require-  
9 ments:
- 10 (1) Fulfilled all district graduation requirements;  
11 (2) Received preliminary or final acceptance into any accred-  
12 ited two-, three-, or four year-long post-secondary educational  
13 program at a technical school, vocational school, college, or uni-  
14 versity; and

15     (3) Completed all of the goals of his Individualized Educa-  
16     tional Plan (IEP), as defined in Chapter 71B of the General Laws  
17     and the regulations promulgated thereunder.